under which JICA will prepare a feasibility report for the modernisation of the Burnpur Steel Works and the Gua Iron Ore Mines of IISCO. This feasibility report is expected to be submitted by JICA in April, 1987.

(c) In various joint forums, SAIL had apprised the functioning trade unions of the visit of the JICA team members in connection with their feasibility studies.

(d) The feasibility study will only cover the question for modernisation of the Burnpur Steel Works and the Gua Iron Ore Mines.

(e) No, Sir.

Development of Sikkim

1193. SHRI LEONARD SOLOMAN SARING: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that roads, bridges and water supply schemes under Rural Development Department in Sikkim are in bad shape due to lack of funds;

(b) if so, how much funds were allocated to the above department during the last three year, yearwise; and

(c) the areas of Sikkim covered so far under the above schemes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI RAMANAND YADAV): (a) to (c) The subjects of roads, bridges and water supply schemes fall entirely within the State sector. The responsibility for maintaining such schemes is that of the State Governments. Therefore, information of this nature is not maintained in the Department of Rural Development. Under the Centrally sponsored scheme of Rural Roads in Tribal areas, funds are released to the State Government on the basis of the percentage of area falling within the Tribal Sub-plan. For the first time an allocation of Rs. 4.72 lakhs has been made to Sikkim during 1986-87 and an amount of Rs. 2.40 lakhs has been released for a road work in the tribal area estimated to cost Rs. 10.50 lakhs. Maintenance of the road will be the responsibility of the State Government. Similarly, under Centrally Sponsored Accelerated Rural Water Supply Scheme (ARWP), which was started to supplement State efforts, the Central allocation to Sikkim during the last three years was as under:

(*Rs. in lakhs*)

1983-84	344.04
1984-85	379·39
1985-86	210.00

Maintenance of ARWSP schemes is also the responsibility of the State Government and no funds are provided by the Central Government for this purpose.

Women's involvement in Co-operative Movement

1194. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are 3.5 lakh co-operative Societies in the country with a membership of about thirteen crores but women constitute only one per cent of it; and

(b) if so, what steps Government have taken to encourage women to join the Co-operative movement?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) There were about 3.15 lakh co-operative societies of all types with a total membership of 14.11 crores in the country in 1984-85. These included 3,395 women's primary cooperative societies having 2.67 lakh mem-

bers. The data regarding women membership of cooperative societies of other types are not available.

(b) Special cooperative education and leadership training programmes for women, nomination/cooption of women to facilitate their active participation in the management of co-operatives and setting up of advisory bodies of women in cooperatives at various levels are among the measures taken to encourage increased participation of women in the Cooperative Movement.

Estimated Residential Units during 7th Plan

1195. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the estimated need for residential units in urban areas during Seventh Plan period;

(b) what is the estimated investment required for this;

(c) what amount is earmarked in Seventh Plan for urban housing;

(d) the manner in which Government propose to raise the necessary funds;

(e) what is the total amount of housing loans given to urban housing sector by LIC, HUDCO. State Housing Boards and other financial institutions; during the last three years; and

(f) whether Government propose to increase the overall housing loans in coming years with a view to meet the inceasing needs for urban housing, if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) 9.7 million dwelling units.

(b) Assuming a per Unit Cost of Rs. 12,000 for an EWS house. Rs. 11,640 crores is estimated as the requirement.

(c) No separate outlay for urban housing has been provided in the 7th Five Year Plan but the public sector outlay both for urban and rural areas is Rs. 2458 crores.

(d) Besides the public sector outlay, an investment of about Rs. 29000 crores is expected to be made in housing by the private sector.

(e) The amount of loan sanctioned by the following organisations during the years 1983-84, 1984-85 and 1985-86 is as mentioned against each:—

(Rs. crores)

(i) Housifig & Urban Developlopment Corporation (HUDCO) . . .	866·49
(ii) Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) . . .	157.21
(iii) Housi g Development Finance Corporation (HDFC)	423·87

Finances to Housing Boards are provided by HUDCO and LIC. Moreover, these Boards normally provide built up houses to individuals. The information in respect of other institutions which have not been specified is not readily available.

(f) There is no such proposal for the present.

Fourth Pay Commission Scales for Staff of M.R.M. Project, Nepal

1196. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of regular and workcharged staff on the M.R.M. Project in Nepal are being absorbed in C.P.W.D.;

(b) whether it is also a fact that these workers were and are being paid as per scales of pay and allowances as recommended by the Third Pay Commission in Indian Currency or its equivalent in Nepal Currency;

(c) if so. whether scales of pay and alowances as recommended by the Fourth Pay Commission have been